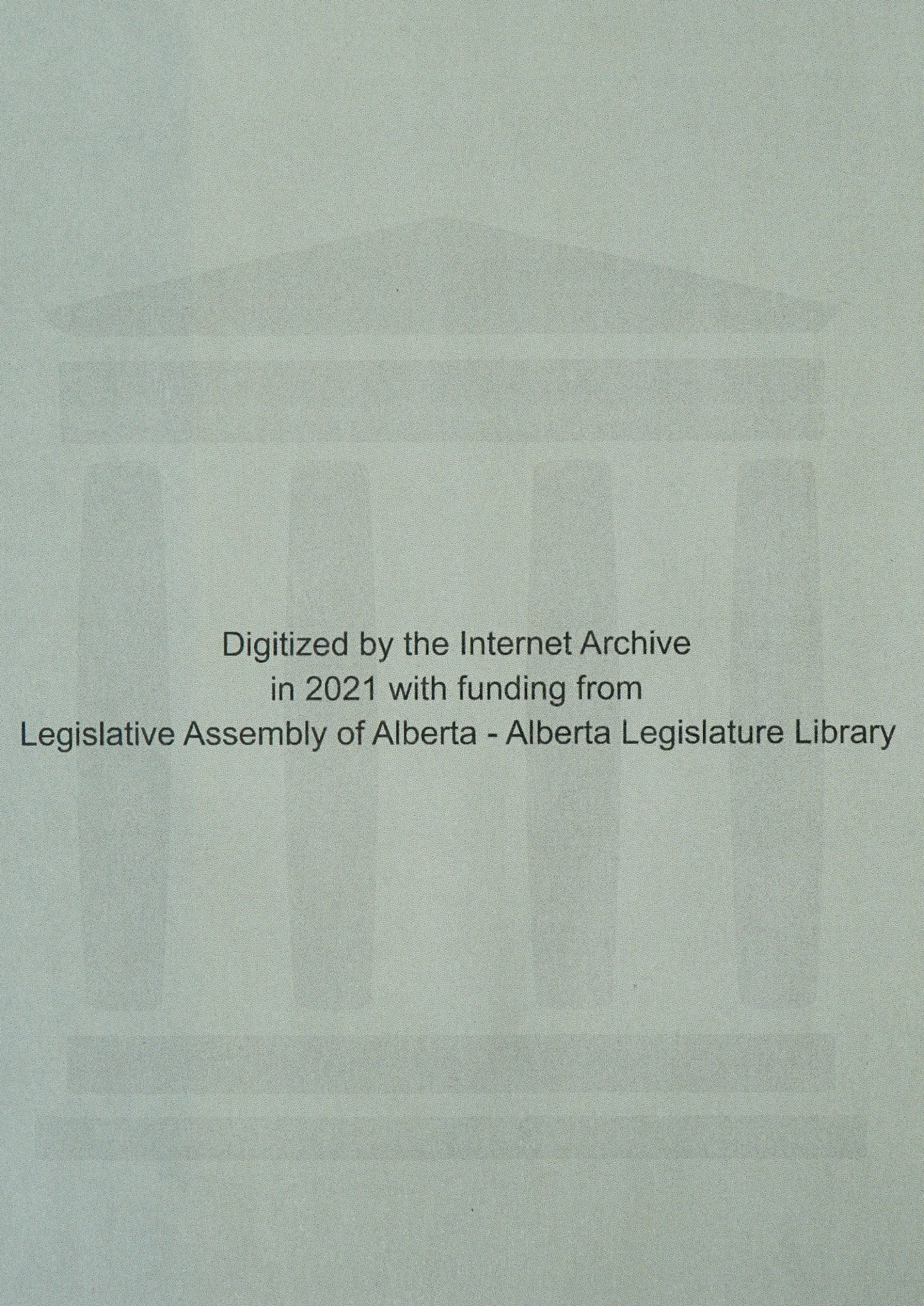


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OF THE
North-West Territories
OF CANADA.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE SESSION, BEGUN AND HOLDEN AT
BATTLEFORD, ON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, AND
CLOSED ON THE 2ND DAY OF
AUGUST, 1878.

HONORABLE DAVID LAIRD,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

SESSION OF 1878.



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HONORABLE DAVID LAIRD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

MATHEW RYAN, LT.-COL. HUGH RICHARDSON,
Stipendiary Magistrates and *ex-officio* Members of Council.

LT.-COL. JAMES F. MACLEOD, C. M. G.,
Commissioner N. W. M. Police, Appointed Member.

PASCHAL BRELAND,
Appointed Member.

AMÉDÉE E. FORGET,
Clerk of the Council.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,

Battleford,

9th day of July, 1878.

SIR,

The Members of the Council of the *North-West Territories* are summoned to meet in Legislative Session, to-morrow (Wednesday), the 10th instant, at Government House, at the hour of three o'clock, p. m.

By Command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

A. E. FORGET,

Clerk of Council.

To *Mathew Ryan*, Esquire,

Stipendiary Magistrate and

Ex-officio Member of Council.

N. B.—A *verbatim* copy of the foregoing notice was also addressed to the following other Members of the Council, namely: Lieut.-Col. *Hugh Richardson*, Stipendiary Magistrate and Lieut.-Col. *James F. Macleod*, C. M. G., Com. N. W. M. Police, Appointed Member, and a French translation thereof to *Paschal Breland*, Appointed Member.

A. E. F.,
C. Council.

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WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1878.

At the Session of the Council of the *North-West Territories* begun and holden on the tenth day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

On which day, the Council being met by appointment of the Honorable *David Laird*, Lieutenant-Governor of the *North-West Territories*.

Present: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.
Messrs. *M. Ryan*,
H. Richardson.

Paschal Breland, Esquire, Merchant of *Cypress Hills*, in the *North-West Territories*, having presented through the Clerk of the Council, his Commission as Member of the Council of the *North-West Territories*, from His Excellency the Governor-General bearing date the fifth day of April last and taking effect from and after the first day of July instant, was introduced to His Honor by Mr. *Ryan* and took his seat at the Council Table.

His Honor then stated that several important amendments having been made to "The *North-West Territories Act*, 1875," affecting the Administration of Justice in the Territories, it would probably be found necessary for the Council to amend

the Ordinance of last session relating to that subject; and the Council being now empowered to legislate in regard to the solemnization of Marriage in the Territories, it might also be expedient to frame an Ordinance respecting Marriages. As funds are accruing under the operation of the Ordinances of the *North-West Territories* from Fines and License Fees, it would be well to regulate by Ordinance the disposition of such moneys. A numerous signed Petition, having come to hand, praying for an extension of the close season under the Buffalo Ordinance, it would be for the Council to consider how far it might be desirable to meet the views of the Petitioners. Other subjects would likewise come before the Council in the course of the Session—to all which the Members of the Council, His Honor hoped, would give their best attention.

His Honor then laid before the Council copy of a Despatch from the Honorable the Minister of the Interior, transmitting a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, and also copy of said Order, which were then read by the Clerk of the Council and are as follows :

“Ottawa, 16th May, 1877.

“No. 83, N. W. T.

“SIR,

“I have the honor to enclose for the information of yourself and the other Members of the Council of the *North-West Territories*, a certified copy of an Order passed by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, under the provisions of the second and third sections of “The *North-West Territories Act*, 1877.”

“I have the honor to be,

“Sir,

“Your obedient Servant,

(“Signed,)

“E. A. Meredith,

“Deputy-Minister

“of the Interior.

“His Honor,

“The Lieutenant-Governor

“of the *North-West Territories*,

“*Swan River*.”

"Government House, Ottawa,

"Friday, 11th day of May, 1877.

“Present,

"His Excellency

"The Governor-General in Council.

“Whereas by the second section of ‘The *North-West Territories* Act, 1877,’ it is amongst other things in effect enacted that the persons to be appointed Members of the Council of the *North-West Territories* before entering upon the duties of their offices shall ‘take and subscribe before the Lieutenant-Governor such oath of allegiance and such oath of office as the Governor in Council may prescribe,’ and the same section further provides that ‘The Clerk of the said Council shall take before the Lieutenant-Governor such oath of office as the Governor in Council may prescribe;

“Now, in pursuance of the powers so by the said statute conferred, as aforesaid, His Excellency by and with the advice of the Privy Council has been pleased to order and it is hereby ordered;

“1. That the Members of the Council of the *North-West Territories* shall make and subscribe before the Lieutenant-Governor, or some one authorized by him, the oath of allegiance and of office in the following words, viz:

"Oath of Allegiance."

“ I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, as lawful Sovereign of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and of this Dominion of *Canada* dependent on and belonging to the same Kingdom, and that I will defend her to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspirators or attempts whatever, which shall be made against her person, crown and dignity, and that I will do my utmost endeavor to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, all treasons or traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against Her or any of them; and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation. So help me God.”

"The Oath of the Members of Council.

"You _____, do solemnly promise and swear that you will serve Her Majesty truly and faithfully in the place of Her _____"

Council in these Her Majesty's *North-West Territories*; you will keep close and secret all such matters as shall be treated, debated and resolved on in Council relative to your Executive functions without publishing or disclosing the same or any part thereof by word, writing, or any otherwise, to any person out of the same Council, but to such only as be of the Council, and yet if any matter so propounded, treated and debated in any such Council shall touch any particular person sworn of the same Council upon any such matter as shall in any wise concern his loyalty and fidelity to the Queen's Majesty, you will in no wise open the same to him, but keep it secret, as you would from any person, until the Queen's Majesty's pleasure be known in that behalf. You will, in all things to be moved, treated and debated, in any such Council, faithfully, honestly and truly declare your mind and opinion to the honor and benefit of the Queen's Majesty and the good of Her Subjects, without partiality or exception of persons, in no wise forbearing so to do from any manner of respect, favor, love, meed, displeasure or dread of any person or persons whatsoever. In general, you will be vigilant, diligent, circumspect in all your doings touching the Queen's Majesty's affairs; all which matters and things you will faithfully observe and keep, as a good Councillor ought to do, to the utmost of your power, will and discretion. So help you God."

"2. That the Clerk of the Council shall take and subscribe before the Lieutenant-Governor the following oath of office:

"Oath of Office.

"I do swear that I will bear faith and true obedience to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, I will, according to the best of my power and ability, faithfully perform such services as may be required of me as Clerk of the Council of the *North-West Territories*; and moreover, I do swear that the secrets of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council I will in no way reveal. So help me God."

"And whereas, by the third Section of the said Act, it is further enacted that "The Lieutenant-Governor in Council or the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, as the case may be, shall have such powers to make Ordinances for the Government of the *North-West Territories* as the Governor in Council may from time to time confer upon him; provided always that such powers shall

not at any time be in excess of those conferred by the ninety-second section of 'The British North America Act, 1867,' upon the Legislatures of the several Provinces of the Dominion;

"Now in pursuance of the powers by the said statute conferred, His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Privy Council has been pleased further to order and it is hereby ordered, that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall be and he his hereby empowered to make Ordinances in relation to the following subjects, that is to say:

"1. The establishment and tenure of Territorial Offices, and the appointment and payment of Territorial Officers.

"2. The establishment, maintenance and management of prisons in and for the *North-West Territories*.

"3. The establishment of Municipal Institutions in the Territories, in accordance with the provisions of "The *North-West Territories Acts*, 1875-1877.'

"4. The issue of Shop, Auctioneer and other Licenses, in order to the raising of a revenue for territorial or municipal purposes,

"5. The solemnization of marriage in the Territories.

"6. The Administration of Justice including the constitution, organization and maintenance of Territorial Courts of civil jurisdiction.

"7. The imposition of punishment by fine, penalty or imprisonment for enforcing any territorial Ordinance.

"8. Property and civil rights in the Territories, subject to any Legislation by the Parliament of *Canada* upon these subjects.

"and

"9. Generally on matters of a merely local or private nature in the Territories.

("Signed.) *W. A. Himsworth*,
"Clerk of the Queen's Privy
"Council for *Canada*."

His Honor also laid before the Council copy of His Despatch of the 6th December, 1877, transmitting to the Honorable the Minister of the Interior the Petition of *Moise Ouellette* and *Pierre Landry*, together with copy of the Honorable Minister's reply thereto. Both Despatches were read by the Clerk of the Council. (See Appendix A.)

His Honor laid on the Table the following statements, which were severally read by the Clerk, viz:

1. Statement of the Revenue of the North-West Government from March, 1877, to 9th July, 1878. (See Appendix B.)

2. Statement of the North-West Government account with the *Ontario Bank, Winnipeg*. (See Appendix C.)

His Honor then proposed to the Council the following Bills which were severally read a first time:

An Ordinance respecting Revenue and Expenditure;

An Ordinance respecting Fences;

An Ordinance respecting Marriages.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*,
Resolved, That the Bill respecting Revenue and Expenditure be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan* seconded by Mr. *Breland*.
Resolved, That the Bill respecting Fences be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Breland*.
Resolved, That the Bill respecting Marriages be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY, 11TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at two o'clock, p. m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Lieutenant-Governor laid on the Table a Petition of certain Half-breeds of *Cypress Hills* praying for an extension of the close season under the Ordinance for the protection of the Buffalo, and the same was read by the Clerk.

The Clerk by leave of the Council then presented the following Petitions, which were severally read by him.

1. A Petition of the Reverend *William Newton*, clergyman of the Church of *England*, resident of *Edmonton*, praying to be accorded the privilege of granting Marriage Licenses.

2. A Petition of certain stock raisers resident of *Fort Macleod*, praying that the destruction of wolves with poison be legalized.

3. Petition of a number of Inhabitants of *Victoria*, praying for the protection of calves and pigs against Indian dogs in the Territories.

Mr. *Ryan* stated that some time last Fall he had transmitted to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor a letter received by him from Reverend Father *Leduc*, of *St. Albert*, in regard to the incorporation of the Bishop of *St. Albert*, and inquired whether any correspondence had taken place on the subject with the proper authority at *Ottawa*, and if so, would His Honor have any objection to lay the correspondence before the Council.

His Honor replied he had had communication with the Honorable Minister of the Interior on the subject and that the whole correspondence would be submitted to the Council tomorrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Revenue and Expenditure ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolved, That the Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Ryan* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Fences ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolved, That the Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Marriages ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ;

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole Council for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Richardson* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Ordinance respecting the Administration of Justice ;

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the Council and the same was received and read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

His Honor then proposed to the Council for consideration the following Bills, viz :

1. A Bill intituled " An Ordinance respecting Poisons ; "
2. A Bill intituled " An Ordinance respecting Stallions ; "
3. A Bill intituled " An Ordinance respecting Fees in Summary Trials. "

And the same were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, p. m.

FRIDAY, 12TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at two o'clock, p.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present : Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor laid before the Council the whole correspondence relating to the Incorporation of the Bishop of *St. Albert*.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Ordinance respecting the Administration of Justice ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council for Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Poisons ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council ;

Resolved, That this Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee ;

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Ryan* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto ;

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration ;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Stallions ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council ;

Resolved, That this Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee ;

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto ;

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Fees in Summary Trials;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council for Monday next.

Then the Council adjourned till Monday next at two o'clock, p. m.

MONDAY, 15TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at two o'clock, p.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present : Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Breland.

The Minutes of Friday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Fences; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto;

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Marriages: and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

And then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, p.m.

TUESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at two o'clock, p.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Order of the Day being read for the Council in Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Ordinance respecting the Administration of Justice.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan* seconded by Mr. *Richardson*,

Ordered, That said Bill be the first Order of the Day to-morrow.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Fees in Summary Trials, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ryan* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again;

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*,

Resolved, That the several Petitions now on the table be placed on the Orders of the Day to-morrow for the Council in Committee thereon.

And then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present : Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor then proposed to the Council for consideration the following Bill, viz :

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Public Printing"; and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*,

Resolved, That the Order to engross the Bill respecting Fences be discharged;

Ordered, That the said Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the Whole Council;

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto;

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed and the title be "An Ordinance respecting Fences."

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the several Petitions now on the Table, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had come to a resolution;

Ordered, That the report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

And then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at two o'clock, p.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Public Printing;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council for to-morrow.

And then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, p. m.

FRIDAY, 19TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at two o'clock, p. m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Ordinance respecting the Administration of Justice; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Macleod* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again;

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson*, seconded by Mr. *Macleod*,

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m.

SATURDAY, 20TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, a. m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Ordinance respecting the Administration of Justice; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Macleod* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod* seconded by Mr. *Richardson*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned till Monday at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Then the Council adjourned until Monday at eleven o'clock, a. m.

MONDAY, 22ND JULY, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*,
Resolved, That the Clerk being unable from illness to perform his duties, Mr. *Dickieson* be authorized to perform the Clerk's Office *pro-tem*.

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Fees in Summary Trials; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ryan* reported the Bill agreed to without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*,
Resolved, That the sixth Order of the Day be discharged and that the Mover have leave to withdraw the Bill to amend the Ordinance respecting the Administration of Justice.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson*, seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.
Resolved, That Mr. *Richardson* have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Administration of Civil Justice.

The Bill was accordingly introduced and read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson*, seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.
Resolved, That the Standing Rule No. 12 be suspended in order that the Bill respecting the Administration of Civil Justice may be read a second time this afternoon.

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Public Printing; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported the Bill agreed to without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the Council, on motion, adjourned until two o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at two o'clock.

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the Bill respecting the Administration of Civil Justice; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Macleod* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again;

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns to day, it stands adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow.

And then the Council adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Proceedings were read and approved.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting the Administration of Civil Justice; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Macleod* reported, That the

Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again;

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this afternoon.

The Council then adjourned until two o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock, p. m.

And according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting the Administration of Civil Justice; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Macleod* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns to-day, it stands adjourned till eleven o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

The Council then adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod.

The Minutes of yesterday's Proceedings were read and approved.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting the Administration of Civil Justice; and after some time spent therein, His

Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Macleod* reported the Bill agreed to with amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That Mr. *Richardson* have leave to introduce a Bill authorizing the appointment of Notaries Public.

Mr. *Richardson* accordingly presented the said Bill which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That Mr. *Richardson* have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the appointment of Constables.

Mr. *Richardson* accordingly presented the said Bill, which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That the Standing Rule No. 12 be suspended to allow this afternoon the second reading of the following Bills:—

To authorize the appointment of Notaries Public;

To provide for the appointment of Constables.

The Council then adjourned till two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock, p. m.

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the appointment of Notaries Public; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ryan* reported the Bill agreed to without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to provide for the appointment of Constables; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported the Bill agreed to with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Richardson* from the Committee of Council on the several Petitions on the Table reported the following Resolution:—

“*Resolved*, That the Committee of Council having had under consideration a Petition of certain inhabitants of *Victoria* and neighborhood, praying for the passing of an Ordinance to compel Indians pitching tents in the vicinity of a settlement to keep their dogs secured, or otherwise no penalty be incurred for killing the same, consider it inexpedient in the present state of the Indian question in this country to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.”

The said Resolution being read a second time was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns it stand adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow.

The Council then adjourned till eleven o'clock, a.m., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod.
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Proceedings were read and approved.

According to Order the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the different Petitions on the Table; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Council then, on motion, adjourned till two o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock, p. m.

According to Order the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Marriages; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

The Council then adjourned until eleven o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 26TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a. m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Proceedings were read and approved.

According to Order the Council again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Marriages; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this afternoon.

The Council then adjourned till two o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock, p. m.

According to Order the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Marriages; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod*, seconded by Mr. *Richardson*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until ten o'clock, a.m., to-morrow.

Then the Council adjourned until ten o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, 27TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at ten o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present : Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

According to Order, the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Marriages; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported the Bill agreed to with certain amendments.

On the question being proposed, Shall the Report of the Committee be now received, it was moved by Mr. *Ryan* seconded by Mr. *Breland*, "That the Report be not now received but referred back to Committee for the purpose of striking out of the first Section of the Bill all the words empowering Justices of the Peace to solemnize Marriage"—

And the question being put on the amendment the Council divided; and the names being called for were taken down as follow:

AYES, Messrs. *Ryan*,
Breland.—2.

NAYS, Messrs. *Richardson*,
Macleod.—2.

The "Ayes" and "Nays" being equal His Honor voted against the amendment, so it passed in the negative.

And the question being again proposed "Shall the Report of the Committee be now received," Mr. *Ryan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Breland*, "That the Report be not now received, but that it be referred back to Committee for the purpose of striking out of the second Section all the words after the word 'assembly' and substituting therefor the following:

"Provided that nothing herein contained shall operate to the prejudice of any other authority to issue Licenses or Dispensations for Marriage as the same may be found to exist in the said Territories."

And the question being put on the amendment, the Council divided; and the names being called for were taken down as follow:

AYES, Messrs. *Ryan*,
Breland.—2.

NAYS, Messrs. *Richardson*,
Macleod.—2.

The "Ayes" and "Nays" being equal, His Honor voted against the amendment, so it passed in the negative.

And the main question being again put, and the names being called for were taken down as follow:

AYES, Messrs. *Richardson*,
Macleod.—2.

NAYS, Messrs. *Ryan*,
Breland.—2.

The "Ayes" and "Nays" being equal, His Honor voted for the motion, so it passed in the affirmative.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to on the same division.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

According to Order the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Several Petitions on the Table; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported from the Committee a Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

The Resolution was then read and is as follows:—

“That the Committee having had under their consideration the question of the Protection of the Buffalo report the necessity of introducing a Bill for the repeal of the ‘Ordinance for the Protection of the Buffalo.’”

The said Resolution being read a second time was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*.

That when the Council adjourns it stands adjourned till ten o’clock on Monday.

The Council then adjourned.

MONDAY, 29TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at ten o’clock, a. m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of Saturday’s meeting were read and approved.

His Honor proposed to the Council for consideration a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to repeal the Ordinance for the Protection of the Buffalo;” and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macleod* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting Brands and Round-ups;

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the Council and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the several Petitions on the Table, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this afternoon.

Then the Council adjourned until two o'clock, p. m.

Two o'Clock, P.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the several Petitions on the Table; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod* seconded by Mr. *Richardson*,

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it stands adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Then the Council adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a. m. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance for the Protection of the Buffalo;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council;

Resolved, That the Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ryan* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting Brands and Round-ups;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolved, That the Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee;

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto;

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed and the title be "An Ordinance respecting the Marking of Stock."

Then the Council adjourned till two o'clock, p. m.

Two o'Clock, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock, p. m.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the several Petitions on the Table; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod* seconded by Mr. *Breland*.

Resolved, That the Order to engross the Bill respecting Poisons be discharged.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ryan* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

And then the Council adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present: Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting Poisons; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ryan* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made some amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the Council adjourned until two o'clock, p. m.

Two o'Clock, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock' p. m.

Mr. *Richardson* presented to the Council a Petition addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor of the *North-West Territories* in Council, praying for the passing of an Ordinance to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of *St. Albert*, and the same being read by the said member in his place was received by the Council.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Breland*,

Resolved, That all standing Rules relating to Private Bills be suspended in order that Mr. *Richardson* be authorized to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of *St. Albert*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Richardson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of *St. Albert*;

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the Council, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That the Rule No. 11 be suspended to admit of the introduction of the Bill respecting Limitation of Actions in certain cases.

Ordered, That Mr. *Richardson* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Limitation of Actions in certain cases ;

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the Council, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it stands adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Then the Council adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a. m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present : Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Several Petitions on the Table ; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this afternoon.

Then the Council adjourned until two o'clock, p. m.

Two o'Clock, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock, p. m.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill respecting the Limitation of Actions in certain cases ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolved, That the Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee ;

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Macleod* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto ;

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration ;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of *St. Albert* ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolved, That the Council do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee ;

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Ryan* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration ;

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*.

Resolved, That when the Council adjourns this day, it stands adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Then the Council adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a. m.

FRIDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1878.

The Council met at eleven o'clock, a.m., His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

Present : Messrs. *Ryan*,
Richardson,
Macleod,
Breland.

The Minutes of yesterday's Meeting were read and approved.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the several Petitions on the Table; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this afternoon.

Then the Council adjourned until two o'clock, p. m.

Two o'Clock, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at two o'clock, p. m.

The Council according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the several Petitions on the Table; and after some time spent therein, His Honor resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Mr. *Richardson* reported the resolution accordingly and the same was read as followeth :

" *Whereas* this Council has had under consideration a Petition of certain Half-breeds who usually frequent the neighborhood of *Cypress Hills*, which Petition, besides praying for a change in the Ordinance for the Protection of the Buffalo already dealt with by the Council, calls attention to the Petitioners' present state of destitution, and urges upon the Council to obtain for them a special reserve of land one hundred and fifty miles in length and fifty miles in width, immediately north of the Inter-

national Boundary, as also seeds for a number of years and other advantages to enable them at once to adopt a mode of life more conformable to a true civilization ;”

“ *And Whereas*, it is not within the power of this Council to grant lands, assistance to procure seeds or any such advantages :

“ *Resolved Therefore*, That the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward the Petition to the Dominion Government, together with the following suggestions, which they respectfully but strongly urge may receive the early and earnest attention; of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

“ 1. That it would be injudicious to set apart Reserves of Land for the Half-breeds of the *North-West Territories*, or give them negotiable Scrip.

“ 2. That in view, however, of the fact that Grants of Land or Issues of Scrip were made to the Half-breeds of *Manitoba* towards the extinguishment of the Indian Title to the Lands of that Province, there will undoubtedly be general dissatisfaction among the Half-breeds of the said Territories unless they receive some like consideration.

“ 3. That this consideration would most tend to the advantage of the Half-breeds, were it given in the form of a non-transferable Location-Ticket, for say, one hundred and sixty acres to each Half-breed head of a family and each Half-breed child of parents residents in the said Territories at the time of the transfer thereof to Canada, the Ticket to be issued immediately to any Half-breed eighteen years of age, or over, on furnishing evidence of claim, and to every child on arriving at that age and furnishing the necessary evidence.

“ 4. That each Half-breed holding such a Location-Ticket should be allowed to locate it upon any unoccupied Dominion Lands but the title of the Land so entered should remain in the Crown for ten years; and if at the expiration of three years after such entry, the Half-breed Locatee have made no improvements on the land his claim thereto shall be subject to forfeiture.

“ 5. To induce those Half-breeds who now procure their livelihood by hunting on the plains to abandon their present mode of life and settle on their locations, by which course it

alone appears possible to avert the great destitution with which they are threatened, owing to the imminent early extinction of the Buffalo, that aid in agricultural implements and seeds be allowed them for three years, but only once for each family that may settle within that time.

"6. That Half-breeds who have shared in the *Manitoba* distribution of Lands and Scrip should not be entitled to receive Location-Tickets in the Territories though now resident therein."

The said Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*,
Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Revenue and Expenditure," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*,
Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Public Printing," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod* seconded by Mr. *Breland*,
Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to Repeal the Ordinance for the Protection of the Buffalo," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*,
Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting the Administration of Civil Justice," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Macleod*,
Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting the Limitation of Actions in certain Cases," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan* seconded by Mr. *Breland*,
Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Fees in Summary Trials," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod*, seconded by Mr. *Richardson*.

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the appointment of Constables," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Breland*, seconded by Mr. *Ryan*,

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance authorizing the appointment of Notaries Public," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod* seconded by Mr. *Richardson*,

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Marriages," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Breland*,

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Fences," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Ryan*,

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of *St. Albert*," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Macleod* seconded by Mr. *Breland*,

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting the Marking of Stock," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson* seconded by Mr. *Breland*,

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Stallions," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan* seconded by Mr. *Breland*,

Resolved, That the Bill intituled "An Ordinance respecting Poisons," be now read the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

His Honor having put the question: "That this Bill do now pass."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

His Honor then signed each of the said Ordinances, and the Seal of the *North-West Territories* was affixed to the same severally by the Clerk of the Council.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor then stated that the business for which the Council was convened having been concluded, the present Session is closed, and the Members discharged from further attendance.

APPENDIX A.

No. 37 / 31.

Government House,
Battleford,
6th December, 1877.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that the Council of the *North-West Territories* at its meeting in March last, had under consideration a Petition of *Moise Ouellette* and *Pierre Landry*, on behalf of the people of *St. Laurent*, praying for assistance to support a School Teacher in their midst.

The Council, having no funds to aid educational objects, desire me to transmit a copy of the Petition to you—which I now do—that the Dominion Government might be made acquainted with this desire of the people of *St. Laurent* which is believed to extend to other settlements in the Territories.

As it does not appear that the Council has now the power to impose direct taxation, except in Electoral Districts, I fear that, without some allowance from the Federal Government for general purposes such as is granted to the Provinces, the children in small settlements in isolated sections of the Territories must grow up in ignorance. This is a result to be deplored, as a large portion of the rising generation will thus remain in a great measure unfitted not only to exercise the franchise intelligently when they obtain the privilege, but also for the active duties of life.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

David Laird,

Lieutenant-Governor

North-West Territories.

Honorable,

The Minister of the Interior,

Ottawa.

No. 103, N. W. T.

Ottawa, 14th January, 1878.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 37, of the 6th ultimo, covering, at the request of the Council of the *North-West*, a Petition from *Moise Ouellette* and *Pierre Landry*, praying on behalf of the people of *St. Laurent*, for assistance to support a School Teacher.

While agreeing with you that the Council of the *North-West Territories* has not power to impose direct taxation for school or other purposes, it appears to me that the Council might obtain the end in view, namely: the raising of a fund for School Corporations and giving them the right to impose a school rate. The constitutional objection of want of representation which would apply in the case of taxation by the Council, would not be applicable to School Corporations who would merely tax themselves.

In the event of School Corporations being established as above suggested, and it is found necessary to supplement the amount raised by them the amount so required should be placed in your estimates for the Government of the Territories, taking care to indicate the special object for which such amount is required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

David Mills,

Minister of the Interior.

His Honor

The Lieutenant-Governor

of the *North-West Territories*,

Battleford.

APPENDIX B.

GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

RECEIPTS SINCE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF COUNCIL IN MARCH,
1877, TO JULY 9, 1878.

Licenses for Billiard and other Tables.

Benjamin Berry, Battleford, Bagatelle Table,.....	\$10 00	
Lachapelle & Washbish, Fort McLeod, Billiard Table,.....	20 00	
Brown & Dunbar, Fort McLeod, Billiard Table,.....	20 00	
Arthur Sheppherd, Fort McLeod, Bagatelle Table.....	10 00	
Henry Taylor, Calgary, Billiard Table,	20 00	
Nobbs & Walsh, Fort Walsh, Billiard Table.....	20 00	
do do Bagatelle Table,.....	10 00	
Robert Watson, Fort Walsh, Billiard Table,.....	20 00	
		————— \$130 00

Ferry Licenses

Gabriel Dumont, South Saskatchewan,.....	4 00	
H. D. McDonell, Assiniboine, near Fort Ellice,.....	4 00	
		————— 8 00

Fines Under Prairie Fire Ordinance.

Robert Finnel, Calgary,	5 00	
Henry Meyers, do	5 00	
Alphonse Gilliard, do	10 00	
William Scallen, do	10 00	
James Yorke, Edmonton,	2 50	
Alexander Brunet, Calgary.	5 00	
		————— 37 50

Fines Masters and Servants.

Benjamin Clarke, Prince Albert,.....	5 00	
Joseph Racette, Qu'Appelle,.....	10 00	
John Beaulieu, Edmonton,.....	1 00	
		————— 16 00

Carried forward..... \$191 50

Brought forward \$191 50

Fines under Ordinance for preventing Gambling.

George Brown, Fort McLeod,.....	50 00	
Thomas Woods do	50 00	
M. Fitzpatrick, do	50 00	
William Casey, do	50 00	
Frank Ford, do	50 00	
Fred Kanouse, do	1 00	
George Taylor do	1 00	
Benj. Berry, Battleford,.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	302 00

Fines Under Buffalo Ordinance.

Edward Buchi, Calgary,.....	12 50	
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Miscellaneous Fines.

Ch. Chables, Edmonton,.....	20 00	
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		\$526 00

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NORTH-WEST GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH ONTARIO BANK, WINNIPEG.

1878.				
March 28,	Forwarded by Lieutenant-Governor for Deposit,..	424	50	
May 29,	do do do do	59	00	
				483 50
Battleford July 9, 1878.				

Recapitulation of Accounts.

Total receipts as per statement to July 9, 1878,.....	526	00
Deposited in Ontario Bank, Winnipeg,.....	483	50
Balance in hand of Lieutenant-Governor,.....	42	50
	\$526 00	\$526 00

Government House, Battleford, 9th July, 1878.

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RESPECTING POISONS :

Presented by Lieutenant-Governor and read 1st time, 12; Read 2nd time; In Committee; Reported with Amendments; Agreed to; Ordered to be engrossed, 13; Order discharged; Bill re-committed; Progress reported, 30; Again in Committee; Amended; Agreed to; Ordered to be engrossed, 31; Read 3rd time and passed, 38.

RESPECTING PUBLIC PRINTING :

Presented by Lieutenant-Governor and read 1st time, 16; Read 2nd time, 17; In Committee; Agreed to; Ordered to be engrossed, 20; Read 3rd time and passed, 36.

RESPECTING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE :

Presented by Lieutenant-Governor and read 1st time, 10; Read 2nd time; In Committee; Agreed to; Ordered to be engrossed, 11; Read 3rd time and passed, 36.

RESPECTING STALLIONS :

Presented by Lieutenant-Governor and read 1st time, 12; Read 2nd time; In Committee; Reported with amendments; Agreed to; Ordered to be engrossed, 13; Read 3rd time and passed, 38.

RESPECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE :

Introduced by Mr. *Richardson* and read 1st time, 19; Read 2nd time; In Committee; Progress reported, 20; Again in Committee; Progress reported, 20; Again in Committee; Progress reported, 21; Again in Committee; Reported with Amendments; Agreed to; Ordered to be engrossed, 21; Read 3rd time and passed, 36.

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